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1. On 19 November, two Rumanian officers who had been under arrest since 1947 were sentenced to death on charges of treason and espionage. They had been defended by the [REDACTED] STATOTHR
2. Both officers were executed at Znagov.
3. During the night of 22-23 November, twenty-five officers, including officers of the Rumanian General Staff, were placed under arrest. Four of these officers, including an official of Section II (Intelligence) of the General Staff and three of his subordinates, are said to have been executed shortly after their seizure. The investigation leading to the arrest of the twenty-five officers was supervised by the Soviet authorities.
4. A "large number" of army officers holding posts of command in Transylvania have been placed under arrest by special detachments sent from Bucharest for this purpose.
5. Rumanian soldiers and Militiamen stationed in the Banat have shown unwillingness to carry out orders to fire on resistance groups and peasants opposing policies of the Rumanian Government.

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